

SB 156 - Revise law to coordinate political candidate filing deadlines for federal elections STATE ADMINISTRATION

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SB 156 changes to the law to move filing deadlines, certification of primary ballot, filling of vacancies prior to primary and special elections to fill congressional vacancies from 75 days before primary election to 85 days before primary election.

Applies only to federal elections (includes state and county elections), does not impact municipal elections.

Section/Issue	Current Law	SB 156
Declaration of Nomination 13-10-201	Declarations for nomination must be filed 135 days before election and 75 days before the primary election	Candidates declaration for nomination must be filed no sooner that 145 days before the election and 85 days before the primary election
Certification of Primary Ballot 13-10-208	Ballot certified no more than 75 days and no less than 67 days before the primary	Ballot certified no more than 85 days and no less than 75 days before the primary
Withdrawal from nomination 13-10-325	A candidate my not withdraw later than 85 days before a general election or 75 days before a primary election	A candidate my not withdraw later than 85 days before a general or primary election
Vacancy prior to primary election 13-10-326	Allows for replacement if a candidate dies or withdraws 75 days or more before primary election	Allows for replacement if a candidate dies or withdraws 85 days or more before the primary election
Secretary of State to certify ballot 13-12-201	75 days or more before an election, the secretary of state certifies ballot	75 days or more before a federal general election, the secretary of state certifies the ballot
Vacancy in office of the US representative 13-25-203	Election to fill term shall be held no less than 75 or more than 90 days from time of vacancy	Election to fill term must be held no less than 85 or more than 100 days from date on which vacancy occurs
Names not to appear on ballot 13-37-126	Political Practices must notify SOS if name is not to be on the ballot, by the ballot certification deadline for primary elections and no later than 7 days before the ballot certification for general elections	Within 8 days of certification deadline for primary election, Commissioner of Political Practices must notify SOS if name is not to be on the ballot No change for the general election.